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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2002, at 2 p.m.

Senate

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2002

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable ZELL MILLER, a Senator from the State of Georgia.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Lord God, Sovereign of this Nation, we praise You for the gift of authentic hope. More than wishful thinking, yearning, or shallow optimism, we turn to You for lasting hope. We have learned that true hope is based on the expectation of interventions by Your Spirit that are always on time and in time. You are the intervening Lord of the Passover, the opening of the Red Sea, and the giving of the Ten Commandments. You have vanquished the forces of evil, death, and fear through the Cross and the Resurrection. All through the history of our Nation, You have blessed us with Your providential care. It is with gratitude that we affirm, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."—Psalm 33:12.

May this sacred season, including Passover and Holy Week, be a time of the rebirth of hope in us. May Your Spirit of hope displace the discordant spirit of cynicism, discouragement, and disunity. Hope through us, O God of Hope. Flow through us patiently until we hope for one another what You have hoped for us. Then Lord, give us the vision and the courage to confront those problems that have made life seem hopeless for some people. Make us communicators of hope. We trust our lives, the work of this Senate, and the future of our Nation into Your all-powerful

hands. In the name of the Hope of the world. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable ZELL MILLER led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, March 22, 2002.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ZELL MILLER, a Senator from the State of Georgia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. MILLER thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the Senator from Nevada.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, today the Senate will be in a period of morning business. There will be no rollcall votes today. The next rollcall vote will occur on Tuesday, April 9.

We hope that if people wish to give remarks today, they would get here as quickly as possible. Staff especially would appreciate that.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. STABENOW). Without objection, it is so ordered.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The Senator from Massachusetts.

PRIVACY PROTECTIONS

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam President, I want to draw to the attention of our

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